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The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

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Your Commission

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Special Meeting set for April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The Commissioners will present a revised District budget to the electors for their approval. Everyone is invited to come.

Upcoming Events

- April 14th Special Meeting
 at 7:00 p.m.
 at St. Thomas Hall
 East Avenue
- April 20th Public Hearing
 Planning Comm.
 Meeting at 8:00 pm
 at Van Zilen Hall
 51 Van Zant Street
- April 26th TTD Commission
 Meeting at 7:00 pm
 at Van Zilen Hall
 51 Van Zant Street
- May 3rd Meeting with
 Councilmen
 Fred Bondi and
 Kevin Poruban
 7:30 pm
 at Van Zilen Hall
 51 Van Zant Street

Because a District Budget was not approved at the Annual Meeting of the Third Taxing District Elector's that was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, we must have a Special Meeting to present an updated budget for the elector's approval.

This is your meeting! As was the Annual Meeting, it will be the only regularly scheduled meeting all year where the public is invited to have full participation. As electors, you hired the Commission through the election process to oversee the financial integrity of the District and the Electric Department. At this Special Meeting, as we did at the Annual Meeting, the Commission will present reports on how they have managed those finances.

If you want a say on how much money we spend on concerts, Christmas Tree and Menorah Lightings, the maintenance of parks, or how much we give the East Norwalk Improvement Association Library, you must be there to vote. Mark your calendars!

Planning Commission Public Workshop

The Norwalk Planning Commission has set 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 as the date and time for a Public Workshop to discuss the City's Plan of Conservation and Development. If you would like to voice your opinion on the future appearance of East Norwalk, from the creation of bikeways, the planting of trees to traffic curtailment and open space acquisitions, please attend this meeting held in the East Norwalk Improvement Association Library's Van Zilen Hall at 51 Van Zant Street.

Clean & Green New Headquarters at 215 East Avenue



Photo by Ron Scotfield

Pictured from left to right are Commissioners Steve Feinstein and David Brown, Jeanne McAndrews of the Norwalk Tree Alliance, Don Nelson, President of Clean & Green, Commissioner Paul Coggin, and General Manager George Leary.

The Commission has unanimously approved use of the District's house at 215 East Avenue to the Friends of Norwalk Clean and Green, The Norwalk Tree Alliance, and the South Norwalk Intercity Clean Up. Vacant for many years the house will serve as the new headquarters to these volunteer organizations.

When the YMCA needed the space they were occupying, Don Nelson, President of Friends of Norwalk Clean and Green, asked if the East Avenue house was available.

The values these non-profit, volunteer organizations bring to East Norwalk are numerous. Established in 1992, Clean and Green is responsible for developing the 75 "Adopt-a-Spots" around the City. Sponsors who are interested in improving the quality of life in Norwalk maintain these landscaped areas. There are additional locations available in East Norwalk beyond those sponsored through the Third Taxing District. Anyone interested in having their group be a sponsor, please call Don Nelson at 847-3268.

The Norwalk Tree Alliance is committed to the support and enhancement of the urban forest in Norwalk and to promoting public awareness of the role played by trees in improving the quality of life in the City. The NTA works with the City inventorying public trees and identifying historic and notable trees. The Alliance is also involved in an effort to obtain donated "memorial" trees to be planted throughout the City. Anyone interested in volunteering, please call Dave Tracey at 847-8182.

The SONICC Program started in South Norwalk several years ago as a graffiti removal service. Over the past years the program has grown to city-wide proportions from overseeing neighborhood revitalization campaigns to assisting senior citizens and disabled residents with yard work, to public beautification gardening projects. SONICC also arranges volunteer cleanups in neighborhoods throughout the city. East Norwalk is scheduled for this spring. Call Dave Shockly at 853-2771 to volunteer.

E. Norwalk Walking Tour

The East Norwalk Neighborhood Association (ENNA) organized a neighborhood walk earlier this month in the vicinity of Fort Point, Van Zant and Cottage Streets for the Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee. Representatives from Zoning, Public Works, Police, Health, Code Enforcement, Fire, and Parks and Recreation visited East Norwalk looking to resolve problem conditions identified by residents.

The ENNA will continue to meet and work with the Task Force in the next few weeks to address the conditions that were recorded. While the spotlight is on the area of the Tour, the ENNA is documenting all conditions reported by residents throughout the entire East Norwalk Community.

Please contact the ENNA with information on any conditions (traffic problems, broken sidewalks, litter, dumping, parking violations, graffiti, overgrown vegetation, abandoned vehicles, zoning violations, unsafe locations and health hazards) that diminish the quality of life in the neighborhoods of East Norwalk. Call Laurel Lindstrom at 855-7668 to report your concerns.

Next up, the ENNA has a Spring Cleanup organized for Saturday, April 17 starting at 7:30 AM in the neighborhood of the Walking Tour. Call 855-7668 to find out how you can help.

East Norwalk Town Meeting

Councilmen Fred Bondi and Kevin Poruban invite you to personally express your concerns for East Norwalk on Monday, May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Eunice Van Zilen Hall at 51 Van Zant Street.

Important Notice Winter Protection Ends April 15th

April 15th is more than the deadline for paying taxes; it marks the end of the Third Taxing District Electrical Department's Winter Protection Program.

Residential customers covered by the Winter Protection Program, who have not made a payment arrangement with T.T.D., need to contact us immediately to ensure uninterrupted service after the April 15 deadline.

If your account is past due, please call today. Setting up a payment program is as easy as calling (203) 866-9271. Our office staff is available Monday through Friday 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. to help

The Electrical Department wants to continue supplying all its customers with safe, reliable, and affordable electric service. Please call us today.